Fascinating Antarctica Facts – Chloe Beard

Q. Why is Antarctica classed as a desert?

A. Antarctica is classed as a desert as a desert region has less than 10 inches rainfall whilst Antarctica only gets 2 inches of rainfall.

Q. Order the 7 continents from largest to smallest in area.

A.

North America – 5

South America - 4

Australasia / Oceania – 7

Africa – 3

Antarctica – 2

Asia – 1

Europe – 6

Q. Fill in the missing parts to show the word of origins of the Arctic and Antarctica.

A. Arctic (Greek Word)

Meaning: the word Arctic comes from an ancient word meaning bear so it is named after some constellations that form a bear.

A. Antarctic (Greek word)

Meaning: it is the brief opposite of Arctic meaning it is at the opposite end of the world.

Q. Briefly explain why Antarctica shares some types of fossils and rock formations with South America and South Africa.

A. Antarctica was not always at the bottom of the world. Over 200 million years ago, the entire world was connected as a GIANT continent. This means that Antarctica shares some fossils with other countries as dinosaurs once lived in this GIANT continent before they separated and were put where they are.

Q. Write a question for each one of these answers.

Q. when were the first recorded sightings of Antarctica made?

A. 1820

Q. When was it known that Antarctica was a group of islands?

A. 1840

Q. What are some of Antarctica’s natural resources?

A. Iron ore, chromium, copper, gold, zinc, nickel, platinum and coal.

Q. Why is Antarctica one of the most important places for scientific research?

A. Because it is so untouched.

List 3 sight-seeing actions that you would like to experience in Antarctica. (They can be crazy and imaginative)

* I would like to swim with a penguin
* Dive with a seal
* And experience winter with a huddle of animals.